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#### **US v. George, No. 12-2373**

Defendant's conviction and sentence for money-laundering conspiracy, aiding and abetting money laundering, money laundering, and structuring financial transactions to avoid reporting them, are: 1) sufficient evidence supports all counts; 2) defendant's evidentiary challenges fail; 3) the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying defendant's new-trial motion; 4) there is no cumulative error; 5) the district judge did not err in imposing a six-level enhancement for knowing or believing that any of the laundered money was drug money; and 6) the district judge did not err in ordering defendant's Lexus forfeited.

Civil Rights, Labor & Employment Law

#### **Dunn v. Trustees of Boston University, No. 13-2272**

Summary judgment in favor of defendant employer on plaintiff's claims that defendant discharged him because of his age in violation of the Massachusetts Fair Employment Practices Act, is affirmed, where even assuming that plaintiff made a prima facie showing of age discrimination, he failed to demonstrate a genuine issue of material fact as to whether defendant's stated reasons for discharging him, as part of a reorganization of its information technology department, were pretextual.

Immigration Law

#### **Bedoya Lopez de Zea v. Holder, No. 13-2272**

The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) properly determined that petitioner was not eligible for withholding of removal, where substantial evidence supports the BIA's findings that petitioner had established neither past persecution nor a clear probability of future persecution

Immigration Law

#### **Perez v. Holder, No. 13-2223**

A petition for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) denying petitioner's motion for reconsideration is granted and remanded for further proceedings, where: 1) the government concedes that both the BIA and the Immigration Judge mistakenly concluded that petitioner could have continued his social activism provided

he paid extortion money to the gang members; and 2) it is for the BIA to address the effects of this error in the first instance.